

1 Introduced by Committee on Corrections and Institutions

2 Date:

3 Subject: Capital construction; capital appropriations; State bonding

4 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize  
5 bonding, appropriate capital funds, and address miscellaneous related items.

6 An act relating to capital construction and State bonding

7 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

8 \* \* \* Legislative Intent \* \* \*

9 Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

10 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that of the \$111,965,288.44  
11 authorized in this act, not more than \$61,614,761.44 shall be appropriated in  
12 the first year of the biennium, and the remainder shall be appropriated in the  
13 second year.

14 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that in the second year of the  
15 biennium, any amendments to the appropriations or authorities granted in this  
16 act shall take the form of the Capital Construction and State Bonding  
17 Adjustment Bill. It is the intent of the General Assembly that unless otherwise  
18 indicated, all appropriations in this act are subject to capital budget adjustment.

1       Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS

2           (a) The following sums are appropriated to the Department of Buildings  
3           and General Services, and the Commissioner is authorized to direct funds  
4           appropriated in this section to the projects contained in this section; however,  
5           no project shall be canceled unless the Chairs of the Senate Committee on  
6           Institutions and the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions are  
7           notified before that action is taken.

8           (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2026:

9           (1) Statewide, major maintenance:                               \$7,138,401.00

10          (2) Statewide, three-acre parcel stormwater compliance: \$1,500,000.00

11          (3) Statewide, Art in State Buildings Program:                       \$75,000.00

12          (4) Rutland, Asa Bloomer Building roof repair and sewage system  
13          upgrades:   \$1,500,000.00

14          (5) Rutland, multimodal garage renovation:                               \$600,000.00

15          (6) Middlesex, Print and Postal uninterruptable power supply upgrade:  
16   \$58,279.44

17          (7) Waterbury, State Office Complex historic core roof replacement:  
18   \$2,000,000.00

19          (8) Burlington, 32 Cherry St. parking garage repairs:                       \$1,500,000.00

20          (c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2027:

21          (1) Statewide, major maintenance:                               \$8,500,000.00

1	<u>(2) Statewide, planning, reuse, and contingency:</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
2	<u>(3) Statewide, physical security enhancements:</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
3	<u>(4) Statewide, three-acre parcel stormwater compliance:</u>	<u>\$1,100,000.00</u>
4	<u>(5) Statewide, Art in State Buildings Program:</u>	<u>\$75,000.00</u>
5	<u>(6) Pittsford, Academy firing range upgrades:</u>	<u>\$200,000.00</u>
6	<u>(7) Montpelier, State House replacement of historic interior finishes:</u>	
7		<u>\$50,000.00</u>
8	<u>(8) Montpelier, 120 State Street HVAC – steam lines interior</u>	
9	<u>renovation:</u>	<u>\$2,000,000.00</u>
10	<u>(9) Middlesex, Vermont State Archives roof replacement, main</u>	
11	<u>building:</u>	<u>\$1,000,000.00</u>
12	<u>(10) Waterbury, State Office Complex historic core roof replacement:</u>	
13		<u>\$2,000,000.00</u>
14	<u>(11) Burlington, 32 Cherry St. parking garage repairs:</u>	
15		<u>\$500,000.00</u>
16	<u>Appropriation – FY 2026</u>	<u>\$14,371,680.44</u>
17	<u>Appropriation – FY 2027</u>	<u>\$15,925,000.00</u>
18	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 2</u>	<u>\$30,296,680.44</u>

1       Sec. 3. HUMAN SERVICES

2           (a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2026 to the Department of  
3       Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the  
4       following projects:

5           (1) Statewide, planning, design, and construction for HVAC system  
6       upgrades at correctional facilities:                               \$4,000,000.00

7           (2) Statewide, accessibility upgrades at correctional facilities:  
8   \$2,000,000.00

9           (3) Statewide, correctional facility safety and security upgrades:  
10   \$225,000.00

11          (4) St. Johnsbury, Northeast Correctional Complex (NECC) door  
12       control system replacements:                               \$1,000,000.00

13          (5) St. Albans, Northwest State Regional Correctional Facility  
14       (NWSCF) roof replacement:                               \$1,000,000.00

15           (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2027 to the Department of  
16       Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the  
17       following projects:

18          (1) Statewide, planning, design, and construction for HVAC system  
19       upgrades at correctional facilities:                               \$1,000,000.00

20          (2) Statewide, correctional facility safety and security upgrades:  
21   \$200,000.00



1	<u>(1) Major maintenance at statewide historic sites:</u>	<u>\$550,000.00</u>
2	<u>(2) Vermont Underwater Historic Preserves:</u>	<u>\$46,000.00</u>
3	<u>(3) Roadside historic site markers:</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
4	<u>(4) Bennington, Battle Monument, maintenance of safety fencing,</u>	
5	<u>restoration, planning, and design:</u>	<u>\$525,000.00</u>

6 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2027 to the Agency of  
7 Commerce and Community Development for the following projects:

8	<u>(1) Major maintenance at statewide historic sites:</u>	<u>\$550,000.00</u>
9	<u>(2) Vermont Underwater Historic Preserves:</u>	<u>\$46,000.00</u>
10	<u>(3) Roadside historic site markers:</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
11	<u>Appropriation – FY 2026</u>	<u>\$1,146,000.00</u>
12	<u>Appropriation – FY 2027</u>	<u>\$621,000.00</u>
13	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 4</u>	<u>\$1,767,000.00</u>

14 Sec. 5. GRANT PROGRAMS

15 (a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2026 for the Building  
16 Communities Grants established in 24 V.S.A. chapter 137:

17	<u>(1) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development,</u>	
18	<u>Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Preservation Grant</u>	
19	<u>Program:</u>	<u>\$300,000.00</u>









1	<u>Appropriation – FY 2026</u>	<u>\$1,500,000.00</u>
2	<u>Appropriation – FY 2027</u>	<u>\$1,500,000.00</u>
3	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 7</u>	<u>\$3,000,000.00</u>
4	Sec. 8. VERMONT STATE COLLEGES	
5	<u>(a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2026 to the Vermont State</u>	
6	<u>Colleges for the following projects:</u>	
7	<u>(1) Statewide, construction, renovations, and major maintenance:</u>	
8		<u>\$1,500,000.00</u>
9	<u>(2) Johnson, the central heating plant replacement:</u>	<u>\$1,500,000.00</u>
10	<u>(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2027 to the Vermont State</u>	
11	<u>Colleges for the following projects:</u>	
12	<u>(1) Statewide, construction, renovations, and major maintenance:</u>	
13		<u>\$1,500,000.00</u>
14	<u>(2) Johnson, central heating plant replacement:</u>	<u>\$3,500,000.00</u>
15	<u>(c) For the amounts appropriated in subdivisions (a)(2) and (b)(2) of this</u>	
16	<u>section, the Vermont State Colleges shall work with Efficiency Vermont to</u>	
17	<u>develop a central heating plant replacement.</u>	
18	<u>Appropriation – FY 2026</u>	<u>\$3,000,000.00</u>
19	<u>Appropriation – FY 2027</u>	<u>\$5,000,000.00</u>
20	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 8</u>	<u>\$8,000,000.00</u>















1	<u>(3) Lamoille County Courthouse, purchase and installation of backup</u>	
2	<u>power system:</u>	<u>\$190,000.00</u>
3	<u>Appropriation – FY 2026</u>	<u>\$3,975,910.00</u>
4	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 14</u>	<u>\$3,975,910.00</u>

5 Sec. 15. VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION

6 (a) The sum of \$125,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2026 to the Department  
7 of Public Safety for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the dry  
8 hydrant program.

9 (b) The sum of \$125,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2027 to the Department  
10 of Public Safety for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the  
11 project described in subsection (a) of this section.

12	<u>Appropriation – FY 2026</u>	<u>\$125,000.00</u>
13	<u>Appropriation – FY 2027</u>	<u>\$125,000.00</u>
14	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 12</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>

15 Sec. 16. VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

16 The sum of \$700,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2026 to the Vermont  
17 Historical Society to mitigate water infiltration at the roof, foundation, and  
18 basement of the Spaulding Building in Barre.

19	<u>Appropriation – FY 2026</u>	<u>\$700,000.00</u>
20	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 16</u>	<u>\$700,000.00</u>

21 \* \* \* Funding \* \* \*

1       Sec. 17. REALLOCATION OF FUNDS; TRANSFER OF FUNDS

2           (a) The following sums are reallocated to the Department of Buildings  
3       and General Services from prior capital appropriations to defray expenditures  
4       authorized in Secs. 2–16 of this act:

5           (1) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec.  
6       2(c)(5), as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 139, Sec. 1 (108 Cherry  
7       Street, parking garage repairs):                               \$399,803.36

8           (2) of the amount appropriated in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec.  
9       2(c)(18), as amended by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 180, Sec. 2 (108  
10       Cherry Street, parking garage repairs):                               \$37,519.86

11           (3) of the amount appropriated in in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42,  
12       Sec. 13(a), as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 139, Sec. 9  
13       (Middlesex Field Station):   \$371.89

14           (4) of the amount appropriated in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec.  
15       12(a)(2) (Middlesex Field Station):                                       \$18,309.45

16           (5) of the amount appropriated in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec.  
17       12(c), as amended by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 180, Sec. 10, as further  
18       amended by 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 35 (Williston Public Safety  
19       Field Station):   \$2,220,099.10

20           (6) of the amount appropriated in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec.  
21       2(b)(3) (statewide, planning, reuse, and contingency):                       \$425,000.00





1 \$115,000.00 is reallocated to defray expenditures authorized in Secs. 2–16 of  
2 this act.

3 (f) Of the amount appropriated to the Agency of Education in 2021 Acts  
4 and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 6(a) (funding emergency projects), \$19,549.00 is  
5 reallocated to defray expenditures authorized in Secs. 2–16 of this act.

6 (g) Of the amount appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for  
7 the Department of Environmental Conservation in 2017 Acts and Resolves  
8 No. 84, Sec. 11(b)(2) (ecosystem restoration and protection), \$249.01 is  
9 reallocated to defray expenditures authorized in Secs. 2–16 of this act.

10 (h) Of the amount appropriated from the Capital Infrastructure  
11 subaccount of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments to the  
12 Vermont Veterans’ Home in 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec.  
13 B.1103(a)(7) and authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 18(d)(7)  
14 (design for the renovation of the Brandon and Cardinal units), \$1,500,000.00  
15 is reallocated to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 19 of this act.

16 (i) Of the amount appropriated from the Capital Infrastructure subaccount  
17 of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments to the Department of  
18 Buildings and General Services in 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec.  
19 B.1103(a)(9) and authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec.  
20 18(d)(10) (111 State Street; renovation of the stack area), \$200,000.00 is  
21 reallocated to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 19 of this act.

1        (j) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 701a(c)(2), the Department of Buildings  
2        and General Services may retain for the same purposes the unexpended  
3        amounts not reallocated in this act that were appropriated in the following  
4        capital construction acts:

5                (1) 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 13(b)(2), as added by 2018  
6        Acts and Resolves No. 190, Sec. 10 (East Cottage); and

7                (2) 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec. 2(b) (various projects).

8        (k) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 701a(c)(2), the Agency of Agriculture,  
9        Food and Markets may retain for the same purposes the unexpended amount  
10        not reallocated in this act appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84,  
11        Sec. 11(e)(1)(B), as added by 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 190, Sec. 8  
12        (phosphorus removal equipment).

13        (l) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 701a(c)(2), the Department of  
14        Environmental Conservation may retain for the same purposes the  
15        unexpended amounts not reallocated in this act that were appropriated in the  
16        following capital construction acts:

17                (1) 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 11(f)(2)(A), as added by  
18        2018 Acts and Resolves No. 190, Sec. 8 (Standard EcoSystem Restoration  
19        and Protection programs);

20                (2) 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec. 11(b) (pollution control); and

1           (3) 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec. 10(a)(2) (dam safety and  
2           hydrology projects).

3           (m) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 701a(c)(2), the Agency of  
4           Transportation may retain for the same purposes the unexpended amounts not  
5           reallocated in this act that were appropriated in the following capital  
6           construction acts:

7           (1) 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 11(c) (Municipal Mitigation  
8           Program); and

9           (2) 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 11(l), as added by 2018 Acts  
10           and Resolves No. 190, Sec. 8 (Municipal Mitigation Program).

11 <u>Bonded Dollars</u>	<u>\$5,074,938.48</u>
12 <u>Cash</u>	<u>\$1,700,000.00</u>
13 <u>Total Reallocations and Transfers – Section 17</u>	<u>\$6,774,938.48</u>

14           Sec. 18. GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND APPROPRIATIONS

15           The State Treasurer is authorized to issue general obligation bonds in the  
16           amount of \$100,000,000.00 for the purpose of funding the appropriations made  
17           in Secs. 2–16 of this act. The State Treasurer, with the approval of the  
18           Governor, shall determine the appropriate form and maturity of the bonds  
19           authorized by this section consistent with the underlying nature of the  
20           appropriation to be funded.

21 <u>Total Revenues – Section 18</u>	<u>\$100,000,000.00</u>
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1 project balances between the amount appropriated in subdivision (c)(7) of this  
2 section and the amounts appropriated in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec.  
3 15(b)(1) (emergency generator and boiler plant replacement).

4 \* \* \* Policy \* \* \*

5 \* \* \* Capital Budgeting Process \* \* \*

6 Sec. 20. 32 V.S.A. § 701a is amended to read:

7 § 701a. CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION BILL

8 \* \* \*

9 (d)(1) On or before November 15 each year, the Commissioner of Finance  
10 and Management shall require each entity to which spending authority has  
11 been authorized by a capital construction act enacted in a legislative session  
12 that was two or more years prior to the current legislative session to submit a  
13 report on the current fund balances of each authorized project with unexpended  
14 funds. The report shall include plans for the unexpended funds, any projects or  
15 contracts the funds are assigned to, and an anticipated timeline for expending  
16 the funds.

17 (2) On or before ~~December 15 each year~~ the third Tuesday of every  
18 annual session, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall submit in  
19 a consolidated format the reports required by subdivision (1) of this subsection  
20 to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate  
21 Committee on Institutions.

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Sec. 21. 32 V.S.A. § 310 is amended to read:

§ 310. FORM OF ANNUAL CAPITAL BUDGET AND 10-YEAR  
CAPITAL PROGRAM PLAN

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(b) The capital budget request for the following biennium shall be presented as the next increment of the 10-year plan. Elements of the plan shall include:

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(2) Comprehensive cost and financing assessment.

(A) Amounts appropriated and expended for the current fiscal year and for the preceding fiscal year shall be indicated for capital programs and for individual projects. For the five fiscal years preceding these, the assessment shall include the aggregate amounts appropriated and expended for individual projects, which amounts shall be categorized by funding type and presented in a format that concisely displays the funding stream and project phases for each individual project over time. The assessment shall indicate further the source of funds for any project that required additional funding and a description of any authorized projects that were delayed.

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1 Sec. 22. 32 V.S.A. § 1001b is amended to read:

2 § 1001b. CASH FUND FOR CAPITAL AND ESSENTIAL INVESTMENTS

3 \* \* \*

4 (e) Spending authority. Any entity authorized to make expenditures from  
5 the Capital Infrastructure subaccount shall have not more than ~~two~~ three years  
6 from the end of the legislative session in which the act authorizing the  
7 expenditure was enacted to encumber the funds. Any remaining  
8 unencumbered funds shall remain part of the Fund account.

9 \* \* \* Buildings and General Services \* \* \*

10 Sec. 23. TRANSFER OF RANDALL MEADOW PROPERTY IN THE  
11 TOWN OF WATERBURY

12 Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(b), the Commissioner of Buildings and  
13 General Services is authorized to survey, subdivide, and transfer to the Town  
14 of Waterbury the portion of land in the Waterbury State Office Complex  
15 (Parcel ID # 69622111909 as designated on the Town of Waterbury’s Tax  
16 Parcel Maps) that is commonly referred to as the “Randall Meadow,” provided  
17 that the Commissioner may transfer the Randall Meadow property only once:

18 (1) the parcel has been subdivided to reflect stormwater management  
19 needs of the Waterbury State Office Complex to the satisfaction of the  
20 Commissioner;

21 (2) any permits required for transfer have been obtained; and



1 generator and boiler plant replacement; elevator upgrade) with federal funds,  
2 then any offset amounts shall be reused for future capital construction projects  
3 as part of the capital budget process.

4 \* \* \* Sergeant at Arms \* \* \*

5 Sec. 27. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 15b, as added by 2024 Acts and  
6 Resolves No. 162, Sec. 8, is amended to read:

7 Sec. 15b. SERGEANT AT ARMS

8 The sum of \$100,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Sergeant at Arms  
9 for the following projects:

10 (1) the replacement of State House cafeteria furnishings; and

11 (2) the purchase and installation at the State House of an X-ray machine  
12 designed to screen baggage.

13 \* \* \* Effective Date \* \* \*

14 Sec. 28. EFFECTIVE DATE

15 This act shall take effect on passage.